

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 38, 39, 40, 42 and 44 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 6 and 11 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A print processing method for executing print processing upon exchanging print information with a device connected via a network, comprising:
  - a step of submitting print information, which has been generated by one device, to another device and starting a first print job;
  - a detection step of detecting whether a failure has occurred on the side of the one device during the submission of the print information;
  - a step of determining to abort or suspend processing of the first print job, which is currently being submitted, in accordance with the detection made in said detection step;
  - a step of reporting abort or suspension of processing to the other device, which receives the print information;[:]
  - a step of aborting the processing of the first print job in the other device according to receipt of the notice which indicates abort;
  - a step of suspending the processing of the first print job in the other device according to receipt of the notice which indicates suspension;
  - a step of processing a second print job which differs from the first print job, after the processing of the first print job has been suspended in said step of suspending; and

a step of resuming processing of the first print job according to recovery of the failure which occurred on the side of the one device, after the second print job has been processed in said step of processing.

wherein said step of resuming resumes the processing of the first print job without receiving a user's instruction.

2. and 3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein, in a case where a failure that occurred is eliminated at detection performed in said step for detecting whether a failure has occurred, said determining step includes determining to resume processing of the suspended print job.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for executing print processing upon exchanging print information with a device connected via a network, the program having:

code of a step of submitting print information, which has been generated by one device, to another device and starting a first print job;

code of a detection step of detecting whether a failure has occurred on the side of the one device during the submission of the print information;

code of a step of determining to abort or suspend processing of the first print job, which is currently being submitted, in accordance with the detection made by said code of the detection step;

code of a step of reporting abort or suspension of processing to the other device, which receives the print information;

code of a step of aborting the processing of the first print job in the other device according to receipt of the notice which indicates abort;

code of a step of suspending the processing of the first print job in the other device according to receipt of the notice which indicates suspension;

code of a step of processing a second print job which differs from the first print job, after the processing of the first print job has been suspended by said code of the suspending step; and

code of a step of resuming processing of the first print job according to recovery of the failure which occurred on the side of the one device, after the second print job has been processed by said code of the processing step,

wherein said code of the step of resuming resumes the processing of the first print job without receiving a user's instruction.

7. and 8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) The storage medium according to claim 6, wherein, in a case where a failure that occurred is eliminated at detection performed by the code of said step for detecting whether a failure has occurred, the code of said determining step determines to resume processing of the suspended print job.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A printing control system, which includes a first device and a second device, for executing print processing upon exchanging print information with a device connected via a network,

said first device comprising:

means for submitting print information, which has been generated by the first device, to the second device and starting a first print job;

detection means for detecting whether a failure has occurred on the side of the first device during the submission of the print information;

means for determining to abort or suspend processing of the first print job, which is currently being submitted, in accordance with the detection made by said detection means;

means for reporting abort or suspension of processing to the second device, which receives the print information; and

said second device comprising:

means for aborting the processing of the first print job in the other device according to the receipt of the notice which indicates abort;

means for suspending the processing of the first print job in the other device according to receipt of the notice which indicates suspension;

means for processing a second print job which differs from the first print job, after the processing of the first print job has been suspended by said suspending means; and

means for resuming processing of the first print job, after the second print job has been processed by said processing means.

wherein said means for resuming resumes the processing of the first print job without receiving a user's instruction.

12. and 13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 11, wherein; in a case where a failure that occurred is eliminated at detection performed by said means for detecting whether a failure has occurred, said determining means determines to resume processing of the suspended print job.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The system according to claim 11, wherein devices connected via the network include a copier.

17. to 28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a step of determining whether a notice which indicates resumption is received, after the second print job has been processed; and

a step of processing, the first print job in a case where the notice is received, or a third print job in a case where the notice is not received, based on the determination in said step of determining.

30. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of determining determines to abort or suspend the processing based on information of a memory which stores information of the failure to be aborted and the failure to be suspended.

31. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of determining determines to abort or suspend the processing based on a user's instruction.

32. (Previously presented) The storage medium according to claim 6, further comprising:

code of a step of determining whether a notice which indicates resumption is received, after the second print job has been processed; and

code of a step of processing, the first print job in a case where the notice is received, or a third print job in a case where the notice is not received, based on the determination by said code of the step of determining.

33. (Previously presented) The storage medium according to claim 6, wherein said code of the step of determining determines to abort or suspend the processing based on information of a memory which stores information of the failure to be aborted and the failure to be suspended.

34. (Previously presented) The storage medium according to claim 6, wherein said code of the step of determining determines to abort or suspend the processing based on a user's instruction.

35. (Previously presented) The printing control system according to claim 11, said second device further comprising:

means for determining whether a notice which indicates resumption is received, after the second print job has been processed; and

means for processing the first print job in a case where the notice is received, or a third print job in a case where the notice is not received, based on the determination by said means for determining.

36. (Previously presented) The printing control system according to claim 11, wherein said means for determining determines to abort or suspend the processing based on information of a memory which stores information of the failure to be aborted and the failure to be suspended.

37. (Previously presented) The printing control system according to claim 11, wherein said means for determining determines to abort or suspend the processing based on a user's instruction.

38. to 40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously presented) A first printer capable of executing print processing of a first print job transmitted from a second printer, said first printer comprising:

means for suspending the print processing of the first print job in said first printer, in a case where said first printer receives notice which indicates suspension of the print processing of the first print job and is transmitted from said second printer; and

means for executing the print processing of the first print job without receiving a user's instruction after completion of print processing of a second print job, in a case where said first printer receives the notice and the second print job which differs from the first print job and is transmitted from said second printer.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously presented) A print processing method executed by a system, which includes a first printer capable of executing print processing of a first print job transmitted from a second printer, said method comprising:



a step of suspending the print processing of the first print job in said first printer, in a case where said first printer receives notice which indicates suspension of the print processing of the first print job and is transmitted from said second printer;

a step of executing the print processing of the first print job without receiving a user's instruction after completion of print processing of a second print job, in a case where said first printer receives the notice and the second print job which differs from the first print job and is transmitted from said second printer.

44. (Canceled)